

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 25 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. J. Stuart Adams, Senate Chair  
Rep. Michael E. Noel, House Chair  
Sen. Benjamin M. McAdams  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart  
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups  
Rep. Roger E. Barrus  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Fred C. Cox  
Rep. Jack R. Draxler  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson

Rep. Christopher N. Herrod  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Holly J. Richardson  
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

**Members Absent:**

Rep. John Dougall  
Rep. Patrick Painter

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel  
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Pres. Waddoups, Rep. Briscoe, and Rep. Herrod were absent for the vote.

**2. Geographic Information System Reports: State Broadband and Wireless Coverage, County and State Data Sharing, and Public Land Survey System**

Mr. Spencer Jenkins, Manager, Automated Geographic Reference Center, Department of Technology Services, briefed committee members on the work performed by the Reference Center as a statewide resource for geographic information, which is shared between local, state, and federal government, and private entities.

**3. Introduction to Next Generation 911**

Mr. William Harry, Executive Director, Valley Emergency Communications Center, distributed "Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Policy Implementation Handbook (March 2010) – A Guide for Identifying and Implementing Policies to Enable NG 9-1-1" and "Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Policy Implementation Handbook (June 2011) – Application of the Implementation Checklist." He discussed the history and evolution of the 9-1-1 system, which originally was based on land-line technology, and reported that the next generation 9-1-1 system will allow callers to not only request emergency assistance, but to transfer electronic messages and other data through a public service answering point.

Mr. Phil Bates, Chair, Utah 911 Committee, commented on equipment requirements which are being assembled to build a working infrastructure.

#### **4. Department of Technology Services**

Mr. Stephen Fletcher, Executive Director, Department of Technology Services, distributed and presented "DTS 2011 Annual Report." He also distributed "2011 Department of Technology Services Annual Report Highlights" and responded to committee members' questions.

#### **5. Facilitating Renewable Energy Contracts**

Committee staff distributed 2012 General Session draft legislation, "Energy Amendments" (2012FL-0093/009).

Sen. Mark Madsen briefed committee members on the objectives of the bill and responded to their questions.

Mr. Mike Peterson, Executive Director, Utah Rural Electric Association, responded to committee members' questions about regulatory structure and the procedures for adjusting energy rates.

Mr. Ted Rampton, Government Affairs Manager, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, stated that the legislation does not apply to municipal power systems because municipal power systems are not electric corporations.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cox moved to recommend 2012 General Session draft legislation, "Energy Amendments" (2012FL-0093/009), as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. McAdams, Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Richardson were absent for the vote.

#### **6. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. McAdams, Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Richardson were absent for the vote.

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.